

age suits and there would be real danger of his quitting his business in disgust. If all the real damages inflicted upon women and children by this swill-tub and hog-trough traffic were equitably assessed upon the saloon keepers by a court of justice, it would wind up the whole bestial swarm in short order. Let this instrument of righteousness be consecrated by every State Legislature in the land.

A Neat Job

Having called attention to what some of our Sunday school workers say of our Quarterly both as to the arrangement of the matter and the adaptation of the Helps to the real needs of our schools, it is but just to call special attention to the mechanical part of the work. Please examine the Quarterly as a specimen of neat printing, beginning with the first cover page and thro the entire book. The print is clear and even throughout, the work on the whole neatly executed, making the Quarterly attractive to the eye and thus adding to its usefulness. For all this credit is due our foreman in the office, Brother Slotter, who takes special pains in the execution of his work. The compositors too, the Misses Johnson, Roseberry, Zimmerman and Mansfield, deserve special mention for that faithfulness and devotion to their work which always call forth expressions of gratitude, in a world where faithfulness and devotion are real virtues.

The New Woman

There is a great deal being said in these days about the "new woman." The truth is it is not a new woman that is wanted but a new man. Both need to be *renewed*, but speaking of his relation to society, there is greater need of a new man than of a new woman. Whether, however, it is one or the other there is always real danger of going from one extreme to another, as is shown in the following dialog: "Where is your mother, Johnnie?" "Playing golf." "And your aunt?" "She's out on her wheel." "And your sister?" "She's training for the football game." "Then I'll see your father, please." "He can't come down now. He is up stairs giving the baby a bath."

The Motive Power

The Southern Christian Advocate says that it "takes a good deal of religion to run the Methodist church." It sounds like a comparative statement, or a statement in proportion, and we involuntarily wonder what other element besides religion is required to successfully run the church? There are some features of ecclesiastical administration in perhaps all the churches which are not hurt with religion, but would it not be possible to get along without them? We can not conceive of anything in connection with the church which should not be as religious

as its worship or its prayers. What a church that would be which had purged its ritual and its spirit of the leaven of pride, of intolerance, of worldliness, of presumption, of superior airs, of boasting and of every other thing which has no sort of kinship with religion. We once knew of a church building committee who grossly cheated the architect. Apparently it did not need much religion to run that church, and it is to be doubted whether its worship had any higher moral value than its business methods. Religion alone, and that of a very high order is needed in the successful running of a church, and when we borrow the ideas of the world or the devil, it simply furnishes another disgusting illustration of the dead fly in the precious ointment.

A Pastoral Letter

Brother Darling of the Pittsburg church shows himself an earnest and systematic worker in the following letter which he addressed to each of his members. The epistle contains beautiful thoughts and no doubt served a good purpose in the congregation where it was used. Its mission should not be confined within the limits of one single charge, and with the hope that its usefulness and influence for good may be enlarged we give it place in these columns. It is as follows:

Pastor's Study, Sept. 14, 1898.

Mr

Dear

It was our Savior's dying wish that we should remember him in partaking the emblems of His bruised and broken body, so we will meet on the evening of Sept. 29, at our place of worship to practice these sacred ordinances.

It was with much regret that we noticed so many faces missing from our Father's table at our last communion, and may I ask you in this quiet way, and in all kindness, and love for your spiritual welfare, were you one that was absent without any excuse that you could conscientiously give to the best Friend you ever had? Will that excuse be valid when you come to settle up your final accounts on the day that He comes to gather up His jewels? If not, how will you stand? If you were not absent, or if you have a true conscientious, valid excuse, this letter does not apply to you, but if not, allow me as your pastor and spiritual adviser, to ask you kindly these following questions:

1. Have you not neglected to proclaim His death? "For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he comes." I Cor. 11:26.

2. Is it not an insult to our Friend, when He invites us to this feast, and we refuse? "Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, *Take, eat, this is my body.*" Mark 14:22.

3. Do you believe that it is not necessary to attend, and participate in these communions? Listen to our Savior's loving words, "Verily, verily I say unto you, except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, (the bread) and drink His blood, (the wine) ye have *no life in you.*" John 6:53. Also read the 51 v.

4. Was the reason of your absence some difficulty between you and some member, or members in the church? If so read Matt. 18:15-17, and follow those instructions. After you have done this, you can commune, tho your worst enemy sat at the other end of the table.

5. Did you feel unworthy to commune? Go to

your Savior and ask Him for pardon and purification. "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins." I John 2:1, 2.

6. Beloved, can we treat our crucified Brother, and His commands, with such indifference, and *be one of His followers?* Are we not dying spiritually?

Let us not forget that we are not our own, but are bought with the precious blood of Christ, and we should love to be obedient.

May God bless you, and help us all to be present at this coming communion, not with the feeling that we *had* to come, but in the spirit of *love*, and *honor* for Christ, and to be strengthened to perform life's duties, and be better prepared to meet the temptations and afflictions of this world.

Remember the service often in your prayers, and come to receive the blessings.

From your pastor, in all kindness, and love for the welfare of your immortal soul.

ROGER E. DARLING.

The Home Department

We refer to the Home Department of Sunday-school work which at this time is receiving more than a passing notice. The Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sunday-school work has issued a new Quarterly for this department of work. The object of the Home Department is to carry the privileges of the Sunday-school to those who cannot become members of regular classes. This is a blessed as it is a Christly work, entirely in harmony with the teachings of the Word. In every community there are many who for some reason are deprived of the privileges of the Sunday-school, and they would greatly enjoy the regular study of Bible lessons each week. Let this privilege be granted them. A little care and pains on the part of pastor and superintendent and teachers will enable all such to unite in the lessons. The fact that such work is rapidly developing shows an increased interest in the study of the Bible and a commendable effort on the part of Sunday-school to extend its influence and enlarge its field of usefulness. We heartily endorse this plan of work and shall be glad to hear of the organization of Home Department Sunday-school work in the Brethren church. Instead of decreasing the attendance at the sanctuary, experience teaches that it increases the attendance because of the blessed influence of Bible study on the hearts and lives of both old and young. Let the good work go on.

The Society and the Individual

The multiplication of societies, orders, leagues, unions, or whatever other label may be given associations for special objects, seems likely to sink the importance of the individual. The problems of life are thus divided out, classified, delivered over to the said unions, settled, solved, dissolved and dissipated into thin air. Now so far from raising any objection to this idea of universal organization, we commend it in the highest terms as the only rational and effective idea for doing the world's work. It is the military idea, affording the nearest approach